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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR SVN NATIONAL DAY

1. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING BE PASSED TO PRESIDENT THIEU.

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE OCCASION OF THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY, I  
TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU AND TO THE  
PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM THE SINCERE BEST WISHES OF THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE PAST YEAR HAS WITNESSED REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT BY  
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM  
IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULT AND PERSISTENT CHALLENGE. WITH  
THE ADVENT OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, SOUTH VIET-NAM  
HAS BEEN ABLE TO BEGIN TO TURN ITS TALENTS AND RESOURCES  
TO THE MAJOR TASKS OF RECONSTRUCTION. FULL ATTENTION TO  
SUCH EFFORTS MUST, UNFORTUNATELY, AWAIT THE TIME WHEN  
THE SECURITY OF SOUTH VIET-NAM IS NO LONGER THREATENED.  
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WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SUCH A DAY MAY NOT BE FAR OFF, JUST

AS WE ARE CONFIDENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM'S ABILITY  
TO DEFEND AGAINST AGGRESSION UNTIL THAT DAY ARRIVES. IN  
THE MEANTIME, MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THE AS-  
SURANCES AND VIEWS EXPRESSED IN OUR JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF  
APRIL 3, 1973. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE  
SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES AS THEY STRIVE TO  
CONSOLIDATE THE PEACE AND REBUILD THEIR NATION.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON UNQUOTE

2. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXT TO THE PRESS BUT  
HAVE NO OBJECTION IF GVN CHOOSES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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